



MAGIC Mallorca

COMBINING THE BEST OF BEAUTIFUL COASTLINES, DELICIOUS
GASTRONOMY AND LAIDBACK LIVING, MALLORCA IS SPAIN'S WORST
KEPT SECRET FOR A REASON, WRITES LUCY COCORAN



B asking in around 300 days of sunshine every year, there is little wonder travellers flock to this Balearic paradise for their Vitamin D fix.

S T A Y

As the brainchild of Rafael Nadal and Meliá Hotels International, ZEL combines relaxed luxury with a playful spirit. This beachfront hotel allows guests to experience every aspect of the Mediterranean, from high-energy adventures to restorative wellbeing practices. Located in the coastal town of Palmanova, ZEL's open plan layout maximises exposure to sun and sand.

With 165 rooms, two outdoor pools and a generous wellness centre, the property has been designed to feel like a home away

from home. Onsite dining includes Beso Beach, where meals can be enjoyed tableside or poolside. Mediterranean staples, including paella and croquettes, are readily available from its Basque-inspired menu. Embodying the true essence of beachside living, ZEL has quickly developed a reputation as a Mallorcan must-stay. www.melia.com/en/hotels/spain/majorca/zel-mallorca

EAT DINS SANTI TAURA

This Michelin-starred, adults-only restaurant offers upscale dining with a seasonal slant. Through an 11-course

tasting menu, Chef Santi Taura has created a gastronomic tour of the Balearic islands. An extensive wine list offers perfect accompaniments to the menu's fabulous flavours. Secure a seat at the chef's counter for an even more intimate experience.

dinssantitaura.com

EL OLIVO

Situated in deià's serra DE Tramuntana, El Olivo is an atmospheric gem. Famed for its mountain views and tasting menus, expect a thoughtful fusion of Mallorcan and wider Mediterranean flavours. Fresh meat and seafood are at the fore, with many ingredients sourced onsite and from

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the nearby village. Be sure to order a serving of the famed suckling pig. It will not disappoint.

www.belmond.com

PLAY

UM BEACH HOUSE

Sun worshippers should hotfoot it to UM Beach House. In the Calvià area, next to prestigious Puerto Portals, UM embraces a slow-living ethos. With live performances, a refreshing pool and chic cabana beds, you can spend hours making the most of your time here. Fuel your day with seasonal dining, make the most of the sea views and be sure to enjoy a few poolside drinks. www.umbeachhouse.com

CATAMARAN DAY TRIP

Explore the beauty of the Mediterranean from the water. Once on board a catamaran, you can explore remote beaches and islands that are otherwise inaccessible. Spend the day swimming, snorkelling and sunbathing, or opt for a sunset sail paired with drinks and tapas. These tours are ideal for families and larger groups, but can be privately chartered for a more exclusive experience.

WINE TOURS

Mallorcan wines are becoming increasingly popular in Spain and beyond, with wonderful vineyards

dotted throughout. A day spent sampling some of the island's finest is time well spent for

any vino lover.

At Bodegas Angel, expect distinctive, complex wines. Located in the heart of Mallorca's wine region in the town of Santa Maria del Cami, it is a great place to start trying local tipples. Or try the oldest winery on the island. Bodegas Ribas is located in the village of Consell and it has a strong focus on organic blends. Wine tastings are enjoyed inside the 18th century family house. And for robust, unique offerings, Finca Biniagual, in the wine-producing region of Binissalem, is definitely worth a visit. www.bodegasangel.com www.bodegaribas.com www.finca-biniagual.com

